

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST FOR ESB 591

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Professions and occupations. Requires members of the state psychology board and the social worker, marriage and family therapist, and mental health counselor board to meet before July 1, 2005, to establish, for recommendation to the legislative council: (1) definitions of assessment and diagnosis; and (2) requirements for individuals who may perform assessment and diagnosis. Requires the board members to submit a report to the legislative council not later than October 1, 2005. **(This conference committee report removes provisions that: (1) require the state psychology board to consult with the social work certification and marriage and family therapists credentialing board before establishing, maintaining, or updating the list of restricted psychology tests and instruments; (2) allow certain state licensure exams to apply to the psychology reciprocity requirements; (3) amend several definitions concerning speech-language pathology and audiology; (4) require licensure of speech-language pathology aides, associates, and assistants; (5) amend licensure requirements of speech-language pathologists and audiologists; (6) require an audiologist to possess a doctorate degree after January 1, 2007; (7) allow the professional standards board to issue credentials to certain speech language professionals; (8) allow certified speech-language pathologists and audiologists who meet certain requirements to be considered to have a National Board of Professional Teaching Standards certification; (9) require a referral to administer a test of vestibular function; (10) amend reciprocity licensure requirements for speech-language pathologists and audiologists; (11) require licenses to be displayed; and (12) make conforming changes. This conference committee report adds provisions that: (1) require members of the state psychology board and the social worker, marriage and family therapist, and mental health counselor board to meet before July 1, 2005, to establish, for recommendation, definitions of assessment and diagnosis and requirements for individuals who may perform assessment and diagnosis; and (2) require the board members to submit a report to the legislative council not later than October 1, 2005.)**

Effective: Upon passage.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the House upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 591 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Delete the title and insert the following:
- 2 A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning professions and occupations.
- 3 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
- 4 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used in this
- 5 SECTION, "board members" refers to the members of a board
- 6 referred to in subsection (b).
- 7 (b) At least three (3) board members from each of the following
- 8 boards shall meet as required under subsection (e):
- 9 (1) The state psychology board established under IC 25-33-1-3.
- 10 (2) The social worker, marriage and family therapist, and
- 11 mental health counselor board established under
- 12 IC 25-23.6-2-1.
- 13 An equal number of members from each board must be present at
- 14 a meeting held under subsection (e).
- 15 (c) Each board specified under subsection (b) shall elect a board
- 16 member to serve as a co-chair of a meeting required under
- 17 subsection (e). The board members shall meet at the call of the
- 18 co-chairs. The co-chairs shall:
- 19 (1) provide reasonable notice of a meeting to the board
- 20 members; and
- 21 (2) preside over a meeting.
- 22 (d) For a meeting under this SECTION, board members are
- 23 entitled to receive the per diem allowed under IC 25-33-1-3 and
- 24 IC 25-23.6-2-3 governing the respective boards specified in

subsection (b).

(e) The board members shall meet at least one (1) time before July 1, 2005, to establish, for recommendation to the legislative council:

(1) definitions of:

(A) the term "diagnosis";

(B) the term "assessment";

(C) the term "psychological testing"; and

(D) the term "appraisal instrument"; and

(2) criteria that an individual regulated by a board specified in subsection (b) should be required to meet to be authorized to:

(A) perform an assessment;

(B) determine a diagnosis;

(C) perform psychological testing; and

(D) use or administer an appraisal instrument.

(f) The board members who meet as required in subsection (e) shall submit to the legislative council not later than October 1, 2005, a report that includes the following:

(1) Each date the board members met.

(2) A summary of the discussions that occurred at each meeting.

(3) A statement of the issues, definitions, criteria, or language that has been agreed upon by a majority of the board members as required under subsection (e).

(4) A statement of any remaining issues, definitions, criteria, or language that has not been agreed upon by a majority of the board members.

(5) Any other information requested by the legislative council.

The report must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

(g) This SECTION expires June 30, 2006.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) Notwithstanding IC 25-33-1-3(g) and IC 25-33-1-14, the state psychology board may not adopt new rules to establish, maintain, and update a list of restricted psychology tests and instruments (as defined in IC 25-33-1-14(b)) until after December 31, 2005.

(b) This SECTION does not effect any rules adopted by the state psychology board before the passage of this act.

(c) This SECTION expires June 30, 2006.

SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act

(Reference is to ESB 591 as printed March 30, 2005.)

Conference Committee Report
on
Engrossed Senate Bill 591

Signed by:

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Representative Brown T

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Senate Conferees

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